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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Col. 2, line 59, after "magneto" insert –generator having an exciter coil that generates one-and-a-half cycle of an AC–.

Col. 7, line 41, delete "02" and insert –  $\theta$ 2 –.

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where warning indication is required occurs, such as a state where an amount of lubricant oil remaining in the engine reaches below an allowable lower limit, a state where pressure of the lubricant oil reaches below an allowable lower limit, or a state where an amount of fuel remaining in the engine reaches below an allowable lower limit.

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In the ignition device in FIG. 1, the resistance value of the resistor R1 is set so that a voltage equal to or higher than a value required for the light emitting diode LD to emit light occurs across the series circuit of the resistor R1 and the third feedback diode D3 while the exciter coil 2 is generating the negative half cycle of the output voltage.

The operation of the ignition device in FIG. 1 is as described below.

When the crankshaft of the internal combustion engine rotates, and the exciter coil 2 generates the positive half cycle of the output voltage Vp at a crank angle position  $\theta 2$  as shown in FIG. 3A, a current flows through a path of the exciter coil 2 the ignition capacitor Ci - the primary coil 1a of the ignition coil - the first feedback diode D1 - the second feedback diode D2 - the exciter coil 2, and the ignition capacitor Ci is charged with the shown polarity. Thus, a voltage Vc across the ignition capacitor Ci increases as shown in FIG. 3B.

Then, when the exciter coil 2 generates the negative half cycle of the output voltage Vn2 at a crank angle position  $\theta 4$ , a base current flows through the transistor TR1 to turn on the transistor TR1. At this time, a charging current flows from the exciter coil 2 to the trigger power supply capacitor Ct through the backflow inhibiting diode D6, the charging time constant adjusting resistor R2, the resistor R1, and the third feedback diode D3, and the trigger power supply capacitor Ct is charged at a certain charging time constant. The charges stored in the capacitor Ct are discharged at a certain discharging time constant through the resistor R3 and between the collector

• crankshaft of the internal combustion engine is used to provide the trigger signal to the thyristor by the negative half cycle of the output voltage of the exciter coil, if the space between the magnetic poles of the magnet rotor is narrowed, and the crank angle position where the exciter coil generates the first negative half cycle of the output voltage is brought close to the crank angle position where the exciter coil generates the positive half cycle of the output voltage, the rotational speed of the engine is limited since the charging of the ignition capacitor is prevented during the high speed rotation of the engine.

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## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, an object of the invention is to provide a capacitor discharge ignition device for an internal combustion engine in which a magneto generator having an exciter coil that generates one and a half cycle of an AC voltage constituted by a positive half cycle of an output voltage and first and second negative half cycles of output voltages generated before and after the positive half cycle of the output voltage, respectively, at least once during one rotation of a crankshaft of the internal combustion engine is used to provide a trigger signal to a thyristor by a negative half cycle of an output voltage of the exciter coil, wherein the thyristor is inhibited from conducting to prevent charging of an ignition capacitor when the output voltage of the positive half cycle of the exciter coil rises during high speed rotation of the engine.

The capacitor discharge ignition device for an internal combustion engine according to the invention includes: a magneto generator having an exciter coil that generates one and a half cycle of an AC voltage constituted by a positive half cycle of an output voltage and first and second negative half cycles of output voltages generated before and after the positive half cycle of the output voltage, respectively, at least once during one rotation of a